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Hi, my name is Dennis Roberts. I do not agree with the proposed settlement. I do not think Microsoft should be broken up or fined. My view is so other companies and properly complete that all of the Microsoft file formats (i.e. Word, Excel, Powerpoint, etc.) must be made publicly available.

In my opinion the operating system doesn't matter. Microsoft Office matters. People use Microsoft's operating system so they can use Microsoft Office. They do this because everyone uses Microsoft Office.

If the file formats are open then other products that not only run on Microsoft Windows but other operating systems as well (i.e. Linux) will be able to interoperate with Microsoft Office thus allowing competition from products like Sun's StarOffice suite.

Thank you for your time.

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